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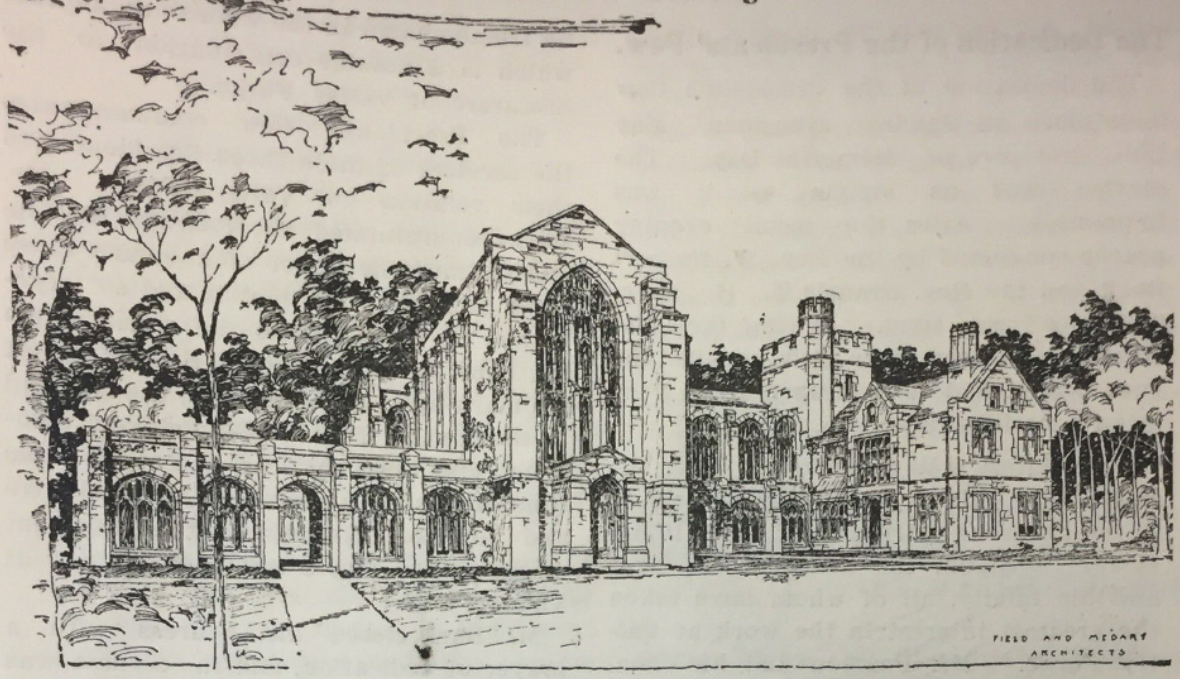

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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Memorial Day, 1910.

The celebration of Memorial Day at Valley Forge which began with the dedication of the Presidents' Pew on Sunday afternoon, and ended with the firing of the national salute on Monday afternoon was full of significance. It showed to many the national character of the work in which we are engaged. It gave promise of the greatness to which the work is steadily progressing. To have added one such memorial as the Presidents' Pew to those at Valley Forge would have been noteworthy. But to add this and then to lay the corner-stone of the Defenders Gate, which will be one of the most imposing monuments at Valley Forge, and to dedicate the Washington Memorial Cemetery, was to make the celebration truly remarkable. Few can realize the full significance of these acts, but in time to come men will look back to the events of this Memorial Day as marking an epoch in the nistory of Valley Forge.

During the year past eight more of the Pews of the Patriots have been placed in the Chapel and the others promised.

The Dedication of the Presidents' Pew.

The dedication of the President's Pew took place on Sunday afternoon, May 29th, the eve of Memorial Day. The service was as simple as it was impressive. After the usual evening prayer conducted by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk and the Rev. Francis T. H. Finn, "America" was sung. During the last stanza two of the choir girls unveiled the pew, which had been draped by a very large American flag.

The address was made by the Rev. Mr. Burk, who paid a well deserved tribute to the generous patriotism of Mr. William Heanry Pearson, the donor of the pew, and his family, all of whom have taken the greatest interest in the work at Valley Forge. Mr. Pearson and his son, Mr. Arthur E. Pearson, as members of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, worked zealously for the erection of the Masaschusetts Bay, and both took part in its dedication. They were present also when the John Benjamin tablet, presented by Mrs. Pearson, was dedicated, and they came from Boston for the dedication of the Presidents' Pew.

In a brief address Mr. Burk told of Washington's visit to Valley Forge July 31, 1787, when he rode over the encampment. This was during the interim of the Convention called to draft a Constitution for the United States, when the Committee was occupied in preparing a draft of the proposed articles. Of the Presidents elected to serve under the Constitution, only two were at Valley Forge in the memorable winter of 1777 and '78, Washington and Monroe, the former as Commander in Chief, the latter as an aide on the staff of Lord Stirling. No President of the United States visited the ground hallowed by the sufferings of the American soldiers until President Roosevelt did so as the guest of Senator Knox. He arrived on the eve of Evacuation Day, 1904, and on that anniversary delivered an address in the little frame chapel in the woods—an address which is a notable contribution to the literature of Valley Forge.

The Presidents' Pew commemorates the services of these three Presidents and their relation to Valley Forge. Mr. Burk congratulated Mr. Pearson that he had claimed the honor of honoring those three men who had contributed so largely and so distinctly to the spirit which we know as American. Each has left his mark upon American life, thought and institutions. The Presidents' Pew commemorates these services, and at the same time stands as a memorial of filial love and devotion. Henceforth the President of the United States will have his pew at Valley Forge.

Mr. Burk closed his address with a prayer of dedication, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Finn.

The Presidents' Pew stands in front of the pulpit. Like the other Pews of the Patriots it is of oak, richly carved. It bears upon the shields at the base the President's seal and the Pearson arms. It differs from the other pews in that the arms of the United States are carved below the poppy-head.

The inscription is as follows:

To the Glory of God
and in Memory of
George Washington
First President of the United States
and
James Monroe
Fifth President of the United States
who were encamped at Valley Forge
1777-1778
and in Commemoration of
the Address by
Theodore Roosevelt
Twenty-sixth President
of the United States
June 19, 1904, the first President
to visit Valley Forge
And in Memory of
William Pearson
and
Lucinda Maria Greenleaf
his Wife

Descendants of Patriots of the
Continental Army
This Pew is given by
their Son
William Henry Pearson
May 29, 1910.

During the service the Rev. Mr. Burk announced that the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Pennsylvania had appropriated two thousand dollars toward the erection of the walls and that the Executive Board of the Sunday School Association of the Diocese had voted the Advent Offering, which usually amounts to about twenty-five hundred dollars, to the same purpose.

He said he was very happy to announce also that Mrs. Pearson, who was unable to be present at the service, had sent word word that she desired to make another substantial gift to the Chapel. This will take the form of the beautiful screen to be placed in front of the Presidents' Pew. As that in front of the Shippen Pew will be given by those other generous friends of the Chapel, Mrs. Sarah S. Zulich and Miss Elizabeth Swift, all the furnishings of the nave of the Chapel have been given or promised.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF WILLIAM PEARSON AND LUCINDA MARIA GREENLEAF, HIS WIFE.

William Pearson, a native and lifelong resident of New England, the seventh generation of his family in America, was born at Orford, New Hampshire, on March 8, 1807. A man of sterling integrity and worth, he devoutly and constantly allied himself with the gospel of his fathers. The last forty years of his life were lived in Boston. He died in Brookline, Massachusetts, on June 12, 1887. His grandfather, Amos Pearson, answered the call to arms on April 19, 1775, at Lexington. His maternal great-grandfather, Jonathan Derby, was a Lieutenant in the Continental Army. His mother's father, Ensign Joshua Barron, was a Revolutionary soldier.

The wife of William Pearson, Lucinda Maria Greenleaf, born in Lancaster, New Hampshire, on March 19, 1811, was a woman of strong personality and of lovable qualtities. She survived her husband but a few months. Her own father, David Greenleaf, was a soldier of the Revolutionary Army. He saw most arduous service and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. Her grandfather, Captain Emmons Stockwell, and her great-grandfather, David Page, also served in the Continental Army.

[Norristown Daily Herald, May 31, 1910.]

DEFENDERS' GATE AT VALLEY FORGE

Corner-Stone of Memorial Cemetery Entrance Laid.

Plans Call for an Ornate Stone Structure in Keeping With the Beautiful Architecture of Patriots' Hall and Washington Chapel.

Memorial Day at Valley Forge was ideal. The perfect weather, and the beautiful surroundings with their historic memories added to the enjoyment of the impressive service in which the heroic dead of the Nation were honored. In their honor a hundred vested choristers from the choirs of the Washington Memorial Chapel; All Saints' Norristown; St. Peter's, Phoenixville; St. Paul's Memorial, Oaks; Holy Trinity, Lansdale; St. Timothy's, Roxborough, and St. Philip's, Philadelphia, sang the hymns of patriotism and religion. A dozen of the clergy also took part in the service. This was held in the open air on the site of the Gate. The long line of clergy and choristers was led in the march by the Port Kennedy band.

Miss Marion Anna Hartranft, the granddaughter of the late Major General John Frederic Hartranft and daughter of Samuel S. Hartranft, treasurer of the Valley Forge Park Commission, unveiled the stone which had been draped with the

American flag. The Rev. James B. Halsey, rector of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, began the service, parts of which were taken by the Rev. Francis C. Hartshorne, rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville; the Rev. George W. Barnes, rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church, Oaks, and the Rev. T. W. Davidson, secretary of the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. Francis T. H. Finn announced the contents of the box placed in the stone. The corner-stone was laid by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk with the following words:

"In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"I lay the corner-stoen of the Defenders' Gate to be erected in memory of those who have through wise counsels and valorous deeds maintained the liberty won by our forefathers and preserved the unity for which they labored, inspired by the love of God and the love of Country.

"Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ; who is God over all, blessed for evermore; and in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Amen."

President Lincoln's Getteysburg Address was read by the Rev. Henry A. F. Hoyt, D. D., Chaplain General of the Military Order of Foreign Wars and Chaplain of the Sixth Regiment. Mr. Augustus Wight Bomberger read President Roosevelt's Valley Forge address. At its conclusion he read the following original poem, written for the occasion, and entitled "Lines for the Defenders' Gate, Valley Forge":

Here lie the men who, fighting well
  With bitter hardship and distress,
Unknown, unhonored where they fell,
  Were victors none the less!

These are the souls that driven to bay
  Stood firmly and sublimed defeat;
And in a God-appointed way
  Made His design complete.

There is no death for such as these!
  This graveyard is immortal ground!
And in these tall, uplifted trees
  High hymns of heaven abound.

This is a Nation's holiest place!
  Look up! These hills from age to age
Enclose with spiritual grace
  Her noblest heritage.

As the last Amen was sung by the choir, Battery C began to fire the national salute of twenty-one guns. The battery had been placed in position on the brow of the hill below the gate. The procession was quickly formed, and to the march played by the Port Kennedy Band, moved back to the chapel. Here a bountiful luncheon was served to the clergy, choristers, musicians, soldiers and invited guests.

The gate, whose corner-stone was laid yesterday, will be built on one of the most commanding sites at Valley Forge. It will be built in the most substantial manner, as the foundations now in place show, and will correspond to the Cloister of the Colonies not far away. It will contain the gateway, the porter's lodge and the waiting room. It will be built in memory of the Defenders of the Union and its erection is strongly indorsed by Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, which also have contributed to the building fund. It is hoped that other patriotic organizations and citizens will give generously that the gate may be completed in the near future. Contributors of one dollar or more are given Defenders' certificates and their names are recorded in the "Book of the Defenders."

The Washington Memorial Cemetery to which the gate will be the entrance will be laid out as a park. For this work the services of one of the greatest landscape architects in the country have been secured. The lots will be of generous size, and a large percentage of the money paid for them will be set apart at an endowment fund for the perpetual care of the entire cemetery. The site is unsurpassed in the state and the historic surroundings are such as to appeal strongly to

persons seeking a suitable place for the interment of their dead.

One acre has been set apart for the interment of the veterans of the Civil War and their widows and one acre for the interment of the veterans of the Spanish-American War and their widows. This provision for the widows of the soldiers and sailors is as unusual as it is beautiful and fitting.

The Resignation of the Rev. Francis T. H. Finn.

The Rev. Francis T. H. Finn, who has served so acceptably as the Assistant of the Rev. Mr. Burk for more than three years, has resigned to accept a call to St. Paul's Parish, Cleveland, Ohio, as rector's assistant. While all the friends of Mr. Finn unite in congratulating him upon the honor bestowed upon him, those who have benefited by his ministry and friendship count his removal a real personal loss.

In announcing Mr. Finn's resignation, Mr. Burk spoke of his devotion, his self-sacrifice, loyalty, and spirituality. His ministry had been such that wherever he has gone he had made friends who counted his friendship precious.

Sunday, May 29th, he officiated for the last time at the different points in the mission. At the close of the session of the Washington Memorial Sunday School he was presented a handsome book with an appropriate inscription as a token of the love of the teachers and scholars. St. Mary's Guild, of All Saints' Church, gave a reception to the Rev. Mr. Finn and the new members of the parish church and mission on the evening of June the second. The reception was very largely attended. The floral decorations were most beautiful, and every effort had been made to show honor to the guests, and especially to Mr. Finn. During the evening the Rev. Mr. Burk made an address in which he spoke most appreciatively of his assistant, and in conclusion presented him with a beautiful solid silver baptismal bowl. The following inscription was engraved upon it:

Presented to
The Rev. Francis T. H. Finn
by the Rector and Congregation
of All Saints' Church, Norristown, Pa.,
June 2, 1910.

Mr. Finn's response was admirably expressed. After speaking of his gratitude for the gift and for the thought that lay back of it, he said he had found a most beautiful spirit in the parish and the mission—a spirit of warm-hearted religious enthusiasm. If he could carry something of this spirit with him his work would not be in vain, and so he would go forth as the missionary of that spirit. But he would look homeward, and come home for that refreshment which would make him do better work for the Master. It was happiness to feel that he had been able to please those whom he had tried to serve in these happy years of ministry.

For the present Mr. Finn's place will be filled by the Rev. Mr. Burk assisted by Mr. Edward T. Boggs, Mr. Augustus W. Bomberger, and such clergymen as may be available. The Rev. Mr. Burk will answer all calls for pastoral service.

Confirmation.

The Right Reverend Frederick Joseph Kinsman, D. D., Bishop of Delaware, acting for Bishop Whitaker, visited the Chapel on the evening of May 27th and administered the apostolic rite of confirmation to a class of fourteen, one being confirmed for All Saints' Church. The Rev. Mr. Burk and the Rev. Mr. Finn took part in the service, and the latter presented the class for Confirmation. The sermon was preached by the Bishop. Mr. William Yerkes, of Berwyn, very kindly gave his services in the choir.

The chapel was beautifully decorated by Mrs. S. S. Zulich.

This large class increases our membership to seventy-six.

Through the courtesy of Mr. James Boyd, of Norristown, who took the Bishop and his party to Norristown in his automobile, the Bishop was able to make good connections to Wilmington.

Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.

THE REV. W. HERBERT BURK
MINISTER IN CHARGE,
ALL SAINTS RECTORY, NORRISTOWN.

Mr. Frank Quigg, Treasurer,
Port Kennedy, Pa.
Mr. Leslie Jefferis,
Treasurer of the Building Fund,
Bridgeport, Pa.
William Rumford, Sexton.

Sundays.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Second Sunday of the month, 10.30 A. M. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

Stewart Fund Hall

Sundays.

10.00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

11.00 A. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

JUNE.

19. Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
    132d Anniversary of the Evacuation of Valley Forge. Anniversary Service, 3.45 p. m.
24. St. John the Baptist's Day.
25. Picnic of the Sunday schools of the Parish and Mission.
26. Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
29. St. Peter's Day.

JULY.

3. Sixth Sunday after Trinity.
4. Independence Day.
   5 p. m., Patriotic Service.
10. Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

Mrs. Samuel Sebring Hartranft has given a well preserved United States note to the currency collection. It is for Two-thirds of a Dollar and was issued according to a resolution of Congress passed February 17, 1776. It is No. 33956.

The Annual Report.

The following report was presented to the Bishop of the Diocese, and will appear in the Convention Journal. It covers the period from May 1, 1909, to May 1, 1910:

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, VALLEY FORGE.

The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, B. D., Minister-in-charge.

The Rev. Francis T. H. Finn, Assistant.

Baptisms—Adults, 4; infants, 2; total, 6; whole number of baptized persons, 197.

Communicants added—by transfer, 2; present number, 65.

Marriage, 1.

Burials, 3.

Public Services:

Sundays	116
Other days	37
Total	153
Holy Communion	19
Children Catechized	75

Sunday School and Bible Classes:

Officers and Teachers	15
Scholars	117
Total	132

Other Parish agencies:

Officers and workers, 20; members, 133; chapel, 1; sittings, 125; parish building, 1; cemetery, 1.

Salary of assistant, per annum $1000, of which Convocation contributes $675.

Total number of free sittings—all.

RECEIPTS.

From Convocation	$675.00
Offerings for Parish purposes	795.18
Offerings for purpose outside the Parish	66.23
Donations	5601.74
Income from Investments	23.75
Sunday School	159.85
Woman's Auxiliary	4.25
Received for Endowment Fund	800.00
Total receipts	$8126.00

May 1, 1909, Cash Balance	11,144.90
May 1, 1910, Cash Balance	682.41
May 1, 1910, Amount in 125th Anniversary Fund for Walls ..	652.73

EXPENDITURES.

Parochial:	
Current expenses	$1660.76
Improvements	4639.19
Payment of debts	745.94
Added to Endowment Fund	823.75
All other parochial expenditures.	570.32
Total parochial	$8439.96
Diocesan:	
Episcopal and Convention Fund..	14.73
Missions, Convocation	25.00
125th Anniversary Fund	35.50
Episcopal Hospital	12.30
Total Diocesan	$87.53
Extra Diocesan:	
Missions, Sunday School offering	$40.00
General, Parish offering	16.00
All other Extra Diocesan objects	5.00
Total, Extra Diocesan	61.00
Total expenditures for all objects	$8588.49

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Estimated aggregate value of Property of the Parish, real and personal	$35,000.00
Encumbrances on Church Edifice	none
On other buildings and lands	2500.00
Other indebtedness	1400.00
Endowment Fund	
For support of Parish	2128.12
For support of Museum	500.00

The Massachusetts Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies, erected by the Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was deicated June 19, 1909.

The great need of the Chapel is the roof and walls. For this work $652.73 have been raised through the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary Fund. The pledges for memorials amount to more than $12,000.

Martha Washington Tea Room.

The series of Saturday afternoon teas has been remarkably successful and they are steadily growing more popular with Valley Forge visitors. The charming way in which the tempting dishes are served has called forth many favorable comments from the visitors. As these teas are a financial aid to the work all interested in it should tell their friends of this effort of the Guild.

The removal of Miss Zinzer has been a serious loss to the work at King-of-Prussia. She was a most zealous and efficient worker, and did much to make the school what it is to-day. Her co-workers are laboring earnestly to keep up the work, and their zealous efforts are being rewarded.

The friends of the Chapel are grateful to Mr. William Drayton for his successful efforts on behalf of the work. He has taken the keenest interst in its success, and it was through his earnest and able presentation of the claims of the Chapel that the Board of Missions appropriated $2000 for the completion of the walls. This money with the other funds in hand and the promised Advent offering will amount to over $5000, or one-third the amount required for the walls of the nave. Let us all work for the other ten thousand dollars. We are nearer the goal than ever. Let us reach it this year!

In connection with the dedication of the Presidents' Pew it is interesting to record that Mrs. Austin Streeper has just presented to the Museum the program used by President Roosevelt on the occasion commemorated by the Pew. His address has been printed in a very neat book which is sold for the benefit of the Chapel.

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK.

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Head Quarters Valley Forge Jany. 21st 1778
Major Genl.....Tomorrow.....DeKalb
Brigadier.....Scott
Field officers...Lieut. Colo. Millen Major Winslow
Brigade Major.....

The Commander in Chief Approves the Report made by the Brigadiers and officers commanding Brigades in the Virgina Line and orders the Men whose Term of Inlistment is expired to be discharged & Marched home by proper officers in The way they are directed.—The Brigadiers, &c., are also to see the Arms & Accoutraments of such Men as are Return'd in the first Instant to themselves In order that the arms and discharges Correspond & by Them to be Commissery of Military Stores, where Receipts is to be taken for what is deliver'd all Blanketts are to be Stoped and Other Articles belonging to the Publick the Brigadiers &c will cause proper care To be taken of the first and see of that the latter is deliver'd Into the Hands of the Q M G and the other proper Officers.—Not withstanding the pointed & Fequent orders which have been Issued to have all deserters Reported to Head Quarters It is by Causual Information that this Knowledge comes to the Genl. (excepting the Genl. Returns which are exceeding Irregular) He therefore In the most Preremtory Terms now Calls upon Brigadiers to see or know that the Rolls of the Several Regiemts. are Called over Agreeable to former orders, & That all Deserters (Specifying the Regimt. & Company They belong to) are Reported by them to the Major Genl. of the day who is to present the Whole in One View to the Commander in Chief, when he comes from His Tower of duty.—The Brigadiers are also Requested to use every possible means to Apprehend deserters of their Respective Brigades.—This order will not be Dispenced with.—The Genl. also in positive terms Declares that he will have a Genl. Return of the Army Delivered in to him every Monday at orderly time the adjt. Genl. is therefore to pay Particular attention to this matter and Consider himself Responsible for the performance Unless he arrests every delinquent who causes the failer In the next Weekly Return.—

Mr. Harrison S. Morris has increased our Lafayette collection by the gift of a set of ribbons used as personal relics when Lafayette visited the United States in 1825. These were given Mr. Morris by Mrs. Daniel M. Fox, whose father, Mr. H. Korn, made and sold them at his store, 82 N. Second street, Philadelphia.

The Rev. T. W. Davidson has added to our collection of Prayer Books a copy printed by Hall and Sellers, Philadelphia, 1791. The volume also contains "The Whole Book of Psalms in Metre; with Hymns, suited to The Feasts and Fasts of the Church and other Occasions of Public Worship." On a blank page are records of the births and deaths of members of the Murdock family.

Mr. Edwin F. Keen, of Philadelphia, who has given a number of interesting and valuable relics to the Museum, has recently given a pair of ember tongs.

All Saints' Sunday School will hold its picnic in the Chapel grove on Saturday, June 25th, and has invited the schools at the Chapel and at King-of-Prussia to unite with it as heretofore. Games and sports will be the feature of the morning and early afternoon, and later there will be a drive over the boulevards.

The Rev. Mr. Burk is about to publish a new edition of his Valley Forge Guide. Much of the book has been rewritten and new maps and pictures make it more valuable. The books will be placed on sale within a few days.